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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/897,493, filed July 3, 2001, of Maurizio Marchini, Marco Cantu', and Ignazio De Gese for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A REINFORCING STRUCTURE FOR TYRES OF VEHICLES.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/897,493 as originally filed on July 3, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed, including attachments of a new Abstract of the Disclosure, a Replacement Drawing Sheet of FIGS. 5 and 6, and an Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to FIG. 5.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☒ Replacement Drawing Sheet of FIGS. 5 and 6 is enclosed as an attachment to the Preliminary Amendment.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Pirelli Pneumatici S.P.A.
10. ☒ Priority of European Patent Application No. 99830736.7, filed November 26, 1999, in the European Patent Office is claimed. A certified copy of EPO 99830736.7, filed November 26, 1999, is on file in the prior application.
11. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
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13. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
14. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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16. ☒ Also enclosed is a copy of the cover page of International Publication No. WO 01/38077.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/897,493, filed July 3, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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